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SUBJ: ESRO (ESA) SATELLITE TRACKING STATION FAIRBANKS,
ALASKA

1. ESA HAS ADVISED EMBASSY BY LETTER OF MARCH 2, 1977,
THAT IT WISHES TO CLOSE ITS FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, SATELLITE
TELEMETRY AND TELECOMMAND STATION AT THE END OF 1977.
IT NOW REMAINS FOR THE USG AND ESA TO DEFINE THE MEASURES
TO BE TAKEN ON THE CLOSURE OF THE STATION.

2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS: "EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE
HONOUR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN SPACE
RESEARCH ORGANIZATION EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
OF 28 NOVEMBER 1966, AND AMENDED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
OF 21 AND 23 FEBRUARY 1972, CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND OPERATION OF A SATELLITE TELEMETRY/TELECOMMAND
STATION NEAR FAIRBANKS, ALASKA. (PARA) AFTER 30 AUGUST
1977, THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, CONDUCT-
ING ITS ACTIVITIES UNDER THE NAME OF THE EUROPEAN SPACE
AGENCY, HAS NO MISSIONS TO BE SUPPORTED FROM THE FAIR-
BANKS STATION AND THEREFORE HAS PLANNED TO CLOSE IT AT
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THE END OF 1977. (PARA) PARAGRAPH II OF THE AGREEMENT
REQUESTS THAT ONE YEAR'S NOTICE BE GIVEN BY EITHER PARTY
TO THE OTHER TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT AT THE END OF ONE
OF THE TWO-YEARS RENEWAL PERIODS. IN APPLICATION OF THIS
PROVISION A NOTICE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE AGENCY TO
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE 1ST JANUARY 1977 AT
THE LATEST. (PARA) IN SPITE OF THIS DELAY, THE AGENCY

HAS THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER THIS NOTE AS THE NOTICE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH II OF THE AGREEMENT AS AMENDED. IN THE AFFIRMATIVE THE AGENCY AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL DEFINE IN DUE TIME THE MEASURES DERIVING FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE STATION AND CONCERNING THE SITE, THE STATUS OF THE BUILDING AND OF THE ROAD. YOURS TRULY, R. GIBSON, DIRECTOR GENERAL".

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND NASA CONSIDERATION OF AND INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONSE INCLUDING:

- A. ACCEPTANCE OF ESA LETTER AS NOTICE TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT.
- B. STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO DEFINE NECESSARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN ON THE CLOSURE.
- C. APPROPRIATE USG POINTS OF CONTACT FOR B.
- D. ANY OTHER MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED. HARLAN

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